IN THE ABSTRACT:

Page 23 delete line I in its entirety and insert and center therefor AN APPARATUS

AND METHOD FOR CONVERTING DATA IN SERIAL FORMAT TO PARALLEL

FORMAT AND VICE VERSA--;

line 2, delete in its entirety; and, line 20, delete in its entirety.

REMARKS

Consideration and entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested. This preliminary amendment amends the claims, specification and abstract to correct minor grammatical and typographical errors, to remove reference numerals included in the claims, to remove dependency of multiple dependent claims on other multiple dependent claims, and to provide further clarification to the claims. The changes made to the application by this preliminary amendment are believed not to introduce new matter, and the Examiner's entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the amendment s/he is requested to telephone the representative of the applicants at the telephone number shown below.

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